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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 5-7, 18-20, 22, 24, 26, and 31-32 as follows:

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5. (Amended) Decarbamylase crystal according to claim 1, wherein the crystal contains at least one or more heavy metal atoms per decarbamylase molecule.
 6. (Amended) Decarbamylase crystal according to claim 5, wherein the heavy metal atom is any of mercury, gold, platinum, lead, iridium, osmium, and uranium.
 7. (Amended) Frozen decarbamylase crystal, prepared by freezing the decarbamylase crystal according to claim 1 in liquid nitrogen.